



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoru WAKUTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/629,743

Examiner: B. FISCHMANN

Filed: July 30, 2003

Docket No.: 116282

For: HYBRID DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE EQUIPPED THEREWITH

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, Notice of Allowance or other action that closes prosecution (e.g., Quayle Action).
- ☒ a. Attached is our check no. 173693 in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.
- ☒ 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 3. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.

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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on December 6, 2005. A refund of the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee is respectfully requested because the fee was not required.

The Information Disclosure Statement was filed December 6, 2005 with a reply to an outstanding Office Action. At the time the Information Disclosure Statement was filed Applicants' representative did not have the issue date for the Japanese Office Action on which the Information Disclosure Statement was based. However, Applicants' representative felt it was important to submit the reference with the reply to the Office Action so that the Examiner would have both documents before him when considering the reply.

Applicants' representative has subsequently learned the Japanese Office Action issued November 15, 2005. Thus, the reference was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office not more than three months prior to filing the Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. §§1.97(c)(1) and (e)(1)).

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Information Disclosure Statement fee be credited to Deposit Account No. 15-0461 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing.



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